

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:974  
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UNUSED AIRSTRIPS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of airstrips lying unused as on date alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total amount of money locked up in respect of these idle airports;
- (c) whether the Government are taking any effective steps to use these air strips;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to realise the depreciated assets?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

- (a) The airstrips at Akola, Bellurghat, Behala, Bilaspur, CoochBehar, Cudappah, Deesa, Jhansi, Jharsuguda, Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Lalitpur, Muzaffarpur, Satna, Sholapur and Warrangal are lying unused at present due to non-commitment of any schedule airline for operations. The airstrips at Aizwal, Asansol, Chakulia, Donakonda, Hassan, Hadapsar, Jogbani, Khandwa, Khawai, Malda, Mysore, Panna, Passighat, Raxaul, Rupsi, Shella and Vellore are non-operational because these airstrips are unfit for operations.
- (b)Rs. 369.74 lakhs.
- (c)and (d) Utilization of unused airstrips depends totally upon the traffic available at these places for commencing air operations. Due to absence of sufficient air traffic, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plans, at present, to make these airstrips operational.
- (e)The unused airstrips were transferred to AAI under the AAI Act. As such, AAI has no powers to sell these airstrips for non- aviation activities.